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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the General Assembly a letter dated 26 January 2012 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (see annex), and the attached resolution adopted by the General Conference proclaiming 13 February as World Radio Day.

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Annex

Letter dated 26 January 2012 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to inform you that, at its thirty-sixth session, the UNESCO General Conference proclaimed 13 February each year as World Radio Day. The proposal, put forward by the Kingdom of Spain, was first presented at the 188th session of the UNESCO Executive Board, which further recommended its submission to the General Conference. The date of 13 February was selected in recognition of the day the United Nations created United Nations Radio in 1946.

You may wish to know that the objectives of the Day are to raise awareness in the general public and media of the value of the radio, improve international cooperation between radio broadcasters and encourage decision makers to create and provide access to information through radio, including community radio, thus contributing to sustainable development.

In its decision, the General Conference encouraged member States to undertake activities to celebrate this Day, together with their partners (national, regional and international broadcasting associations and organizations, non-governmental organizations, media organizations and the public at large).

In paragraph 5 of the resolution proclaiming World Radio Day, the General Conference requested that its decision in this regard (resolution 63; see enclosure) be submitted for endorsement to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-seventh session, in September 2012.

I should appreciate it, therefore, if you would kindly submit the said resolution to the General Assembly as requested.

(*Signed*) Irina **Bokova**

Enclosure

Resolution adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Proclamation of World Radio Day

The General Conference,

Having considered document 36 C/63 and 187 EX/Decision 13,

Welcoming the results of the feasibility study presented by the Director-General on the proclamation of a world radio day,

Recognizing the contribution by the prominent scientists who laid the technological foundation for the long-distance transmission of sound messages by radio waves,

Mindful that the celebration of a world radio day will raise greater awareness among the public and the media of the importance of radio, and enhance networking and international cooperation among broadcasters,

Convinced that this event will encourage decision makers and those who work on radio broadcasting in all its forms to establish and provide access to information through radio, including community radio, and to diversify the content in order that all may enjoy the benefit,

1. *Proclaims* World Radio Day, to be celebrated on 13 February, the day the United Nations established United Nations Radio in 1946;

2. *Calls upon* the member States of UNESCO to celebrate the Day with activities at both the local and national levels, with the participation of National Commissions, non-governmental organizations, the general public and diverse institutions (schools, universities, municipalities, cities broadcasters, the press, professional associations and unions, museums, cultural organizations and so forth);

3. *Invites* the national, regional and international broadcasting organizations and unions, as well as the media at large, to ensure the successful observance of World Radio Day by devoting it as appropriate to educational, cultural and public-awareness activities;

4. *Invites* the Director-General to encourage all national, regional and international initiatives taken in this respect;

5. *Requests* the Director-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations so that World Radio Day may be endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-seventh session (September 2012).